

**REISSUE APPLICATION  
DECLARATION BY THE INVENTORS  
37 C.F.R. §1.175**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address, and citizenship are stated below, next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first, and joint inventor of the subject matter that is described and claimed in patent U.S. Patent No. 6,254,574 B1, granted on July 3, 2001, for which reissue is sought on the invention entitled SELF-BLUNTING NEEDLE MEDICAL DEVICES AND METHODS OF MANUFACTURE THEREOF, Application No. 10/614,543, filed July 3, 2003.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56.

I verily believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid, by reason of the patentee claiming less than he had the right to claim in the patent.

At least one error upon which reissue is based is described as follows:

Applicants are filing this reissue application because of the failure of Applicants and Applicants' prior attorney to appreciate the full scope of the invention described in the specification of the captioned patent, which resulted in the patent claiming less than the patentees had the right to claim.

New claims 29, 61, 62, and 63, which broaden the scope of issued claim 1, have been amended to delete the reference to an "internal component hub," which is consistent with issued claims 17 and 26. The orientations of the internal and external components have also been generalized.

New claims 44 and 54 broaden the scopes of original claims 17 and 26, respectively. The orientations of the internal and external components have been similarly generalized in these claims. New claim 64 is a device claim based on new method claim 55, which in turn is based on issued claim 26.

All errors corrected in this reissue application arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicants.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States

Code and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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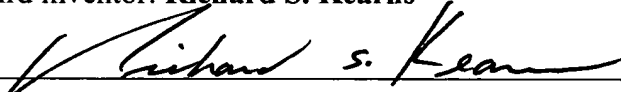
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